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1 November 1954

1. I requested that Colonel Edwards find out where security statistics for the National Security Agency, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and other organizations were carried in the public release by the Civil Service Commission.

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2. Talked with [REDACTED] project at [REDACTED] and gave them guidance in the preparation of a cable which I hope to discuss with Logistics and DD/P representatives tomorrow.

3. Attended a Bureau of the Budget Hearing on the DD/P area which I think went very well.

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4. Colonel Edwards reports that he has had the file pulled up on the allegations concerning the [REDACTED] case in which the Department of Justice is interested. I, therefore, agreed that we should invite Justice to come and look at our files if they cared to.

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26 through 30 October 1954

1. Have suggested that the Comptroller prepare a proposed Regulation which outlines a procedure for the settlement of certain claims, particularly those involving automobile damages.

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2. [REDACTED] of the DD/P organization alerted me to the fact that there was a recommendation coming forward (in which the I&R Staff strongly nonconcurred) involving a substantial writeoff [REDACTED]

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3. I approved of an amendment to the Administrative Plan for Project [REDACTED] which provides for most of the financial documents to be kept by the working committee composed of representatives of the FE Division and the Security Office and [REDACTED] Office of the Comptroller. This Plan also provides that the committee will bring any discrepancies to the attention of the Chief of Administration, Office of the Deputy Director (Plans). I telephoned [REDACTED] and told him that as my personal representative he should also bring to my attention any discrepancies that might appear in this Project.

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4. [REDACTED] and I discussed the problem of how to insure that violations of the law, particularly as they applied to the misuse of funds, were actually brought to the attention of some responsible person in the Agency who could determine whether or not they should be transmitted to the Attorney General. I told John that I thought this was a matter for discussion with the Director but that prior to such a meeting I would like him to draft a brief memorandum on this subject to Mr. Dulles so that he would be thoroughly familiar with the problem when we sought his advice as to the best method to meet it.

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5. After separate consultations with [REDACTED] Technical Services Staff, and [REDACTED] CIA Printing Specialist, I approved of the purchase of a printing press for the Technical Services Staff amounting to approximately \$9,000. Told Bob to advise [REDACTED], Joint Committee on Printing, that I had approved of this and that inasmuch as it had to do with a sensitive operation I did not care to discuss it with anyone.

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6. I discussed the construction situation at [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] and asked him to draft a cable for my consideration on Monday.

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7. I spoke to [REDACTED] about a cable which had gone out in response to two cables sent in by Jim Garrison and which had not been coordinated with the Logistics Office or me. The cable ignored Jim's recommendations and proceeded to set up other arrangements in connection with [REDACTED]. I told Ted that I strongly

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disapproved of this action and that while I was not sure that I agreed with Jim certainly this was not the way a senior official in the field should be treated. He assured me that he would look into the matter and advise me of his findings on Monday.

8. In order to overcome the backlog of insurance applications and payments I told Harry Reynolds that I would authorize the immediate release of five people from the Pool for a temporary period. I asked him, however, to formalize his request to me in writing so that I could give it official recognition.

9. Dr. Tietjen reports that he is redrafting certain portions of the Regulation on "Immunization"; however, he is awaiting further comment from the General Counsel prior to submission.

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10. [REDACTED] reported that there was a fire in the TSS area of Central Building on Saturday morning, 30 October, about 8:30 a.m. Apparently someone used a blow torch which blew up and threw gas on the walls. The damage was not extensive and no one was hurt.

11. I signed a letter to Mr. Flemming, Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, commenting on the "Checklist for Maintenance of Executive Direction." [REDACTED] is to handcarry it.

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12. I also signed a status report on "Relocation Planning" addressed to the Office of Defense Mobilization.

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13. [REDACTED] reports that the Office of Defense Mobilization wants us to participate more actively in the 20 November 1954 exercise and that he is trying to work out some way in which this can be done. I told him that it was difficult for me to see how we could participate very extensively but that I was open to any suggestions which he or the Office of Defense Mobilization might have.

14. The Director spoke to me about the possibility of putting some benches near the flagpole in front of the North Building for those waiting for busses. Asked [REDACTED] to take action on this.

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15. Attended a Supergrade Review Board Meeting.

16. Attended Hearings at the Bureau of the Budget on our Fiscal Year 1956 Budget. General Cabell opened the sessions on Wednesday and was very well received. The DD/A, Communications, and Training programs were heard on Thursday and the DD/I program on Friday. We will continue next week with the DD/P program on Monday, Communications on Tuesday, and a general roundup on Wednesday.

17. The Bureau of the Budget was interested in looking at our proposed Career Service legislation inasmuch as they were in the process of preparing a spread sheet for [REDACTED]. I left them a copy of our package and arranged for them to meet with [REDACTED] and Harry Reynolds at their convenience.

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18. Arranged to have Project Review Committee consideration of [REDACTED] postponed until 10 November.

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19. [REDACTED] has requested permission to examine some information on file in this Office in connection with the [REDACTED] case so that he might determine whether or not the case should be turned over to the Attorney General for prosecution.

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20. John reports that the Director has approved of transmitting the case to the Attorney General for prosecution. He also indicated that Mr. [REDACTED] might try to implicate other employees. I told him it was my opinion that we should not alter our proposed course of action.

21. I approved of a procedure outlined by the Logistics Office, i.e., using [REDACTED] to get certain TSS prototypes into this [REDACTED]

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23. Shef Edwards reports that he is recalling [REDACTED] his Security Officer in [REDACTED] because of misconduct.

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24. Frank Wisner briefed me, along with Gates Lloyd, [REDACTED] on his observations concerning administration during his recent trip to the Far East. Have asked Gates Lloyd to get a transcript made of certain parts of his briefing which was recorded. Principle points, however, were as follows:

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[REDACTED] is getting too big. There appears to be a substantial amount of record keeping, the purposes of which are not obvious.

b. There tends to be an overcentralization of records, including rosters of personnel.

c. There appeared to be a security hazard concerning the records being kept on firearms.

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d. All in all [REDACTED] is a good installation and morale is very good.

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- e. Frank thought that the greatest contribution which senior personnel at [REDACTED] might make would be to streamline the paper work so as to minimize the load on the smaller [REDACTED]

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- f. [REDACTED] was highly complimented by all with whom Frank came in contact.

- g. Off the record, Frank said that from a number of sources he got the impression that many of the operating people felt that a small empire was being built on [REDACTED] and that the Logistics Office, in particular, came in for a certain amount of adverse comment. Security, in general, however, was considered to be good, even though it might be tightened up in some respects.

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